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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

1. ABDI IPEKCI OF MILLIYET WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT AN ON-THE-RECORD INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONGRESSIONAL DECISION ON THE PARTIAL ARMS EMBARGO IS KNOWN. IPEKCI WOULD COME TO WASHINGTON ON ANY DATE THE PRESIDENT WISHES.

2. IPEKCI IS THE DEAN OF TURKISH JOURNALISM; AND MILLIYET, THE FAVORED DAILY OF MOST TURKISH OPINION LEADERS. THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE PRESENTED ACCURATELY AND IN DETAIL (IPEKCI'S INTERVIEWS WITH STATESMEN ARE NORMALLY PRINTED VERBATIM).

3. THE INTERVIEW WOULD EXAMINE U.S. POLICY TOWARD TURKEY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EMBARGO VOTE. TURKISH OPINION ON THIS ISSUE WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON HOW WELL TURK'S UNDERSTAND THE POST-VOTE INTENTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IPEKCI'S INTERVIEW WOULD HELP MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF A CONGRESSIONAL DECISION TO RETAIN THE EMBARGO, OR REINFORCE GOOD WILL IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

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4. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE ENDORSES IPEKCI'S REQUEST. AMBASSADOR SPIERS IS WILLING TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER WHILE IN WASHINGTON IF NEED BE.

5. REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OBTAIN FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AN INDICATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN INTER-

VIEW. IF THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, THE
DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE HIGH-LEVEL
INTERVIEW WOULD BE USEFUL. DILLON

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